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1. BERLIN GREEN WEEK 1977 CLOASED FEBRUARY 6 SETTING NEW RECORDS IN ATTENDANCE, NUMBER OF FOREIGN COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS AND OVER-ALL SALES OF CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS. ATTENDANCE FOR 10-DAY FAIR 551, 800. INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED 35 NATIONS. INDIVIDUAL FIRMS NUMBERED IN HUNDREDS AND SOME 600 U.S. ITEMS DISPLAYED IN SUPERMARKET EXCEEDED LAST YEAR'S OFFERINGS BY 20PERCENT.

2. IN ADDITION TO OPENING DAY VISIT OF U.S. PAVILION BY FED UNCLASSIFIED

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AG MIN ERTL, GOV MAYOR SCHUETZ AND ENTOURAGE, BERLIN DEP MAYOR AND SENATOR FOR INTERIOR LUEDER, ALONG WITH 12 DISTRICT MAYORS ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOMIC ADVISORS PAID SPECIAL VISIT TO U.S. EXHIBIT DURING EEK. ON COMMERCIAL SIDE, GOOD NUMBER OF TRADE INQUIRIES LED TO EIGHT NEW TRADE CONTACTS FOR CML/ECON SECTION IN NON-FOOD ITEMS.

- 3. U.S. REPRESENT AND STANDS HAD OVER-COUNTER SALES OF DM423,000. FUTURE BULK SALES SUCH ITEMS AS POPCORN, GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGE JUICE, EXPECTED TO DOUBLE THIS FIGURE. INTRODUCTION OF SOYABREAD RESULTED IN SALES OF 11,000 LOAVES. IBM CHECKOUT SYSTEM CONTINUED ELICIT HIGH INTERST.
- 5. MEDIA COVERAGE INCLUDED SFB (SENDER FRIES BERLIN) RADIO AND TELEVISIO, RIAS, ARMED FORCES NETWORK/TV AS WELL AS PRESS AND TRADE JOURNAL ITEMS.
- 6. IN RELATED EVENT, INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER FILM COMPETION, HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH GREEN WEEK SINCE 1974, U.S. CONSUMERS' UNION, MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, WAS AWARDED SILVER PRIZE FOR ITS ENTRY " KICKING TIRES IS NOT ENOUGH, OR HOW TO BUY A USED CAR." AWARDS PRESENTED IN TELEVISED CEREMONY BY MINISTER ERTL AND GOV MAYOR, MISSION COMMERCIAL OFFICER ACCEPTED PRIZE ON BEHALF CONSUMERS' UNION.
- 7. U.S. EXHIBIT ALSO AWARDED PRIZE FOR FUNCTIONAL DESIGN, SALES DISPLAY AND OVER-ALL OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES. AS LAST YEAR, OUR PARTICULAR APPRECIATION GOES TO BONN AGATT OFFICE, MISSION ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, MILITARY COLLEAGUES AND, ABOVE ALL, EXHIBIT DIRECTOR NIGLIS AND AIDES LOMMEL AND HUNT FOR SMOOTH FULFILLMENT OF PROJECT THAT RIGHTFULLY REMAINS MAJOR PART OUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRESENCE IN THIS ISOLATED CITY. UNQUOTE GEORGE

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